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NOTE FOR: DCI  
FROM: Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Leaks  
REFERENCE: Draft for SSCI Hearing

1. For credibility and understanding outside of our own rather esoteric world, I suggest pulling back from what can be perceived as either-or tactics.

2. History shows clearly that controversial intelligence topics will leak. As for pre-publication review, Orwell's 1984 looms large in the extensive non-intelligence agency application discussed to date; we should not be up front pushing for such broad application. A more limited program, selectively applied during government employment and a brief period after government service, will still contain the spectre of Big Brother, but is more apt to fly.

3. A positive, proper and more realizable approach would be to deal with national defense issues. Nobody questions the need to keep secret defense plans, weapons developments and the like. Strengthening this area through tighter laws, regulations and procedures government-wide (perhaps including polygraph use) can benefit intelligence too, closing many loopholes, without politicizing.

4. As for the polygraph, the focus on SCI is more realistic than across-the-board application. Emphasis ought to go to slowly phasing in a program which ensures that the training, procedures and safeguards which we have evolved out of our experience are adopted government-wide "to guarantee that employee rights are protected at the same time that we strive to strengthen security," to quote from the speech prepared for your testimony before the SSCI. In other words, we should push the polygraph only under the condition and to the extent that it can be used properly.

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